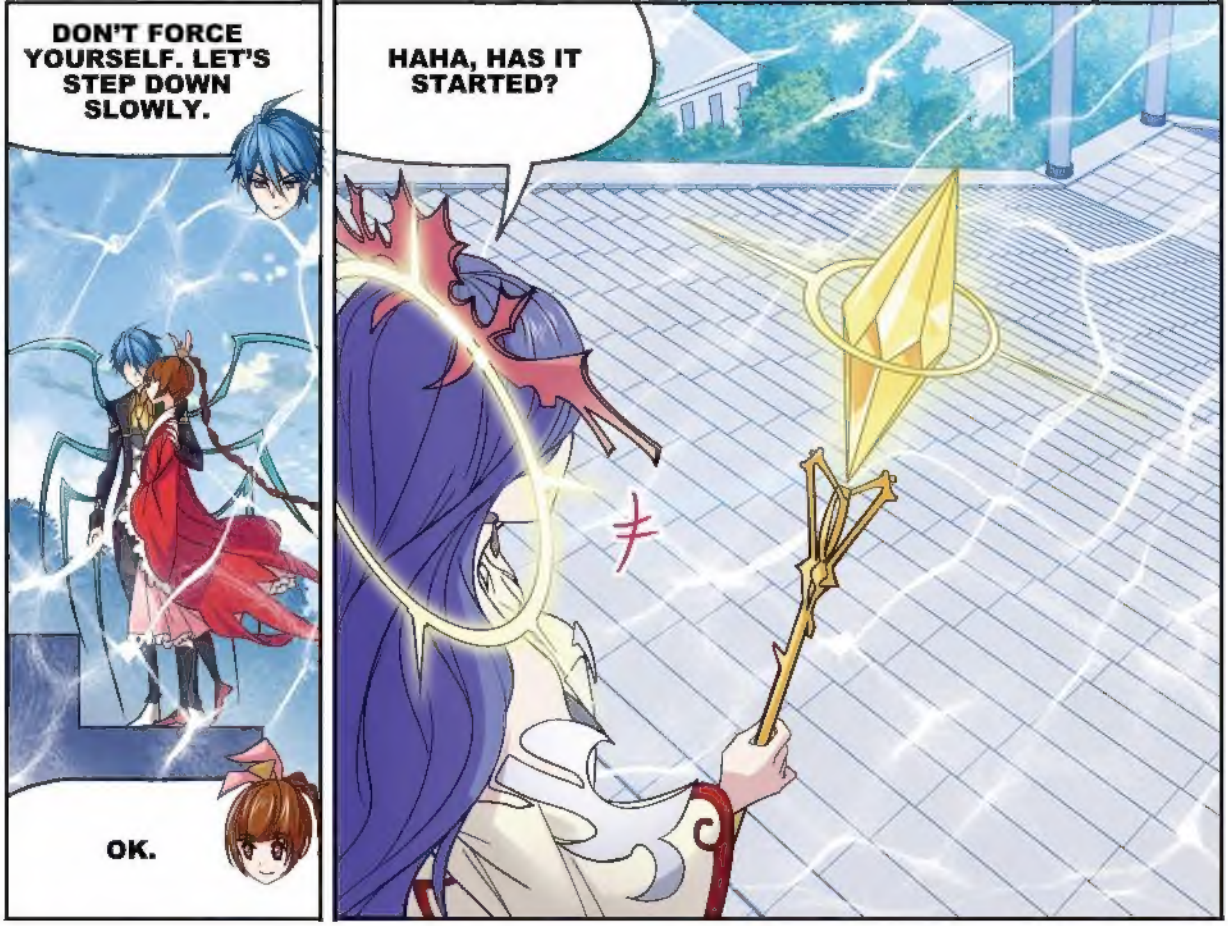
NO! I MUST KEEP GOING!

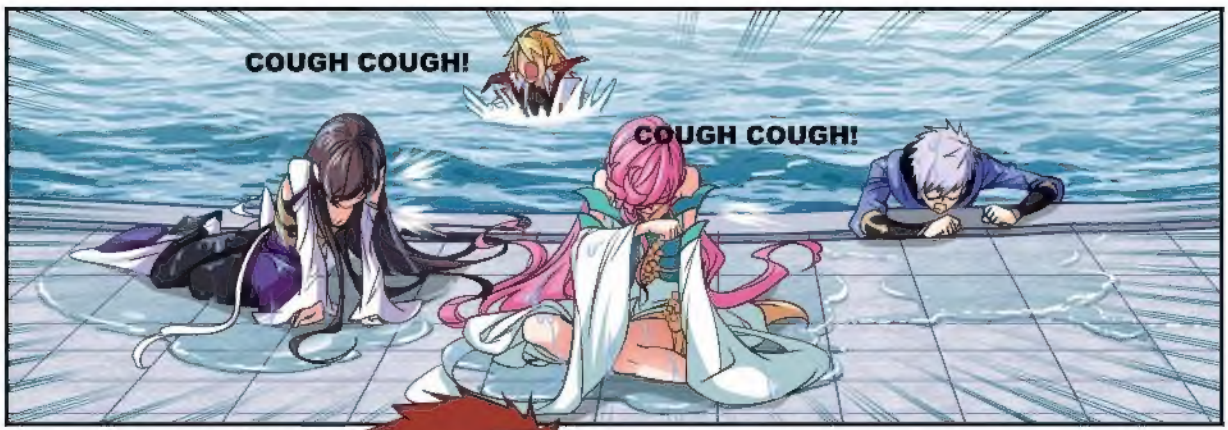
!!
MY BODY...
CAN'T BEAR IT...
ANYMORE!

WHIZ!
WHIZ!
WHIZ!
I'LL BE BACK!

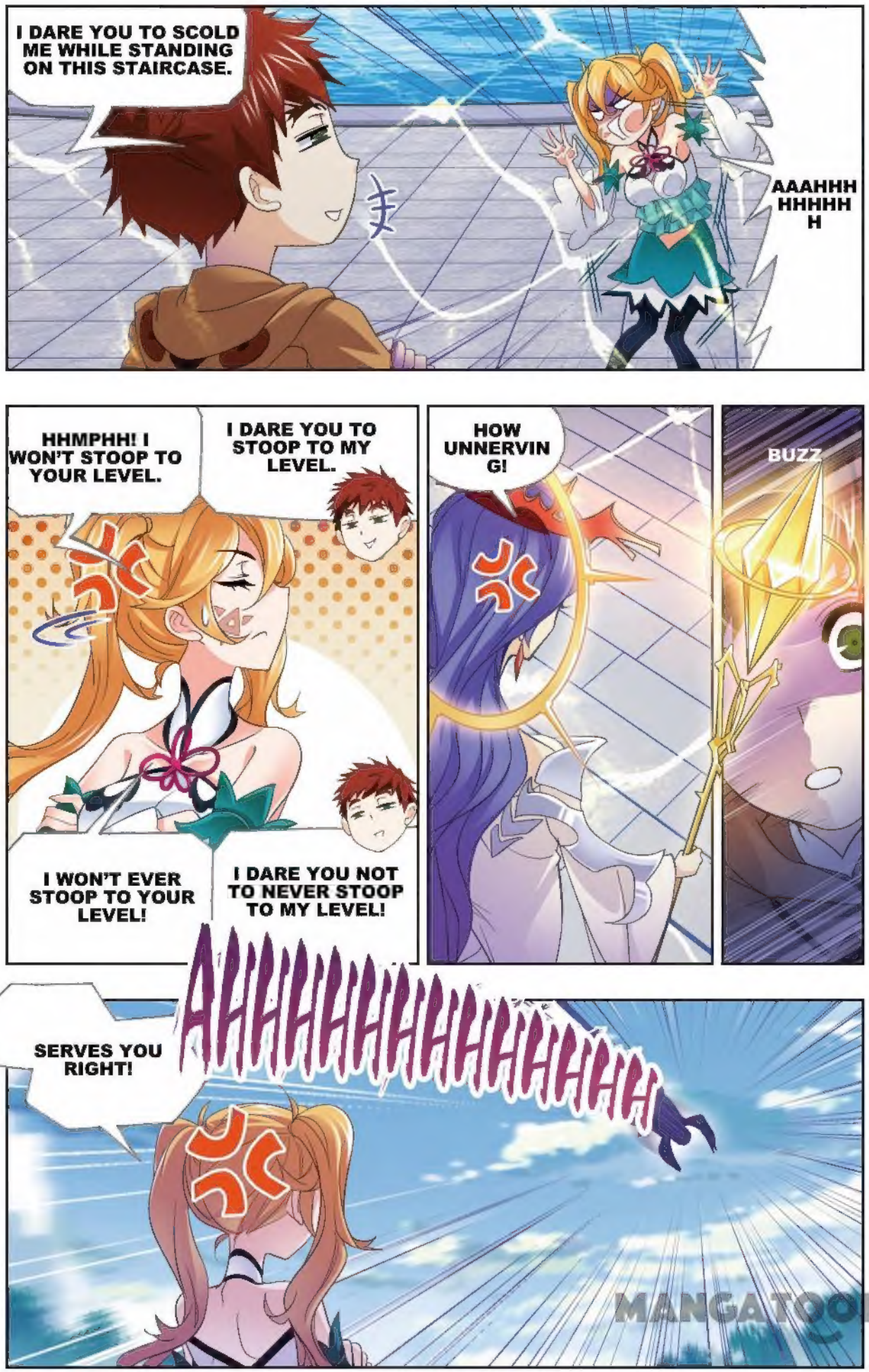
MANGATOON

HUH?
SPLASH SPLASH
SPLASH SPLASH
WHY DID THEY ALL...
CAREFUL!
CRACK!
CLICK!
CLICK!
CLICK!
CLICK!
ARE YOU OK?
I'M FINE,
BUT MY SOUL FORCE IS PRACTICALLY USED UP.


DON'T FORCE YOURSELF. LET'S STEP DOWN SLOWLY.
OK.
HAHA, HAS IT STARTED?


COUGH COUGH!
COUGH COUGH!

TSK.
THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR SHOWING OFF.
LOOK AT YOUR GOOD-FOR-NOT HING'S FACE.
YOU'RE JUST ENVIOUS, ENVIOUS OF THEM AND ENVIOUS OF ME.

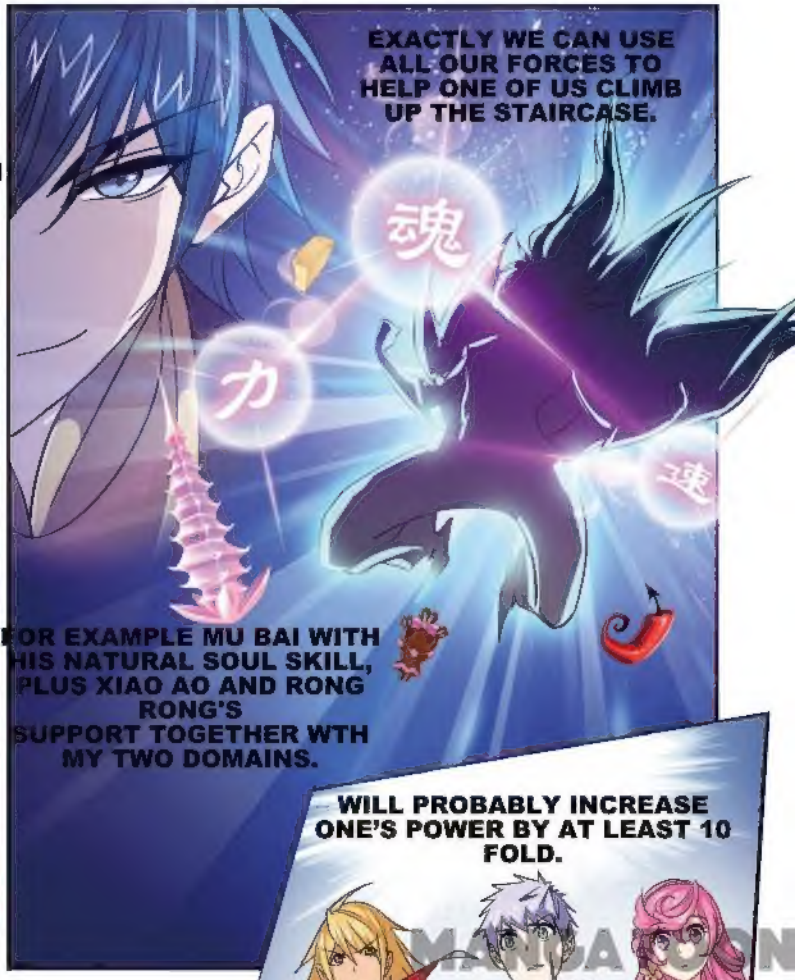

I DARE YOU TO SCOLD ME WHILE STANDING ON THIS STAIRCASE.
AAAHHH HHHHH H
HHMPHH! I WON'T STOOP TO YOUR LEVEL.
I DARE YOU TO STOOP TO MY LEVEL.
I WON'T EVER STOOP TO YOUR LEVEL!
I DARE YOU NOT TO NEVER STOOP TO MY LEVEL!
HOW UNNERVIN G!
BUZZ
SERVES YOU RIGHT!
AHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH
MANGATOON

AFTER EVERYONE TOOK A SHORT BREAK

THE PRESSURE INCREASES BY ONE TIME WITH EACH STEP.
108 STEPS...
HOW MUCH TIME WILL IT TAKE TO GET UP THERE?
WHO KNOWS HOW SCARY THE PRESSURE OF THE NEXT STEPS WILL BE.

PERHAPS NOT ALL THAT MUCH, MAYBE EVEN RIGHT NOW, WHO KNOWS.
HUH?

DO NOT FORGET THAT WE'RE A TEAM.
BESIDES WE ARE A TEAM WITH TWO TALENTED SUPPORTERS.
YOU'RE SAYING THAT...


EXACTLY WE CAN USE ALL OUR FORCES TO HELP ONE OF US CLIMB UP THE STAIRCASE.
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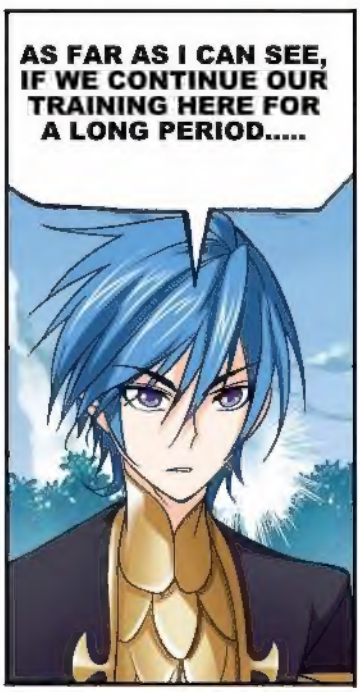
FOR EXAMPLE MU BAI WITH HIS NATURAL SOUL SKILL, PLUS XIAO AO AND RONG RONG'S SUPPORT TOGETHER WTH MY TWO DOMAINS.
WILL PROBABLY INCREASE ONE'S POWER BY AT LEAST 10 FOLD.

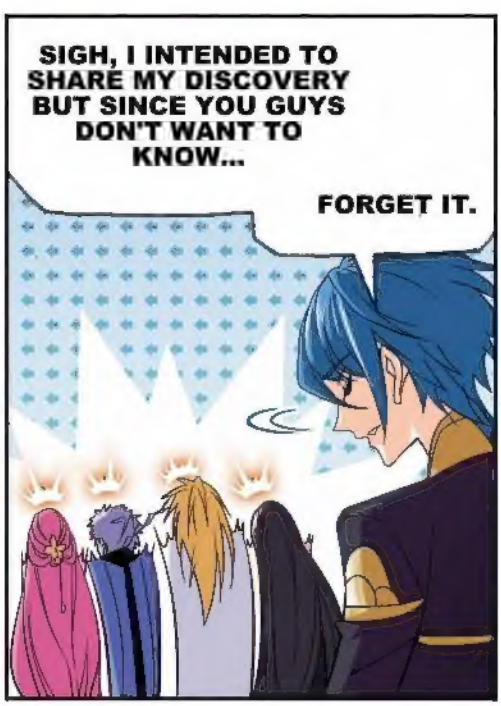
MANDA TOON

BUT DOESN'T THIS COUNT AS CHEATING?
NO, SINCE THERE WERE NO RESTRICTION MENTIONED.
SO WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR? LET'S TRY THIS.
CRACK!
NO, WE CAN'T GO UP THERE RIGHT NOW. QUITE THE OPPOSITE, WE HAVE TO WAIT TILL THE LAST DAY.
HUH?!
NOW, I FINALLY UNDERSTAND.
WHY THE SEA HORSE CONTRA WAS SO HASTY TO BRING US HERE.
LEAVING US HANGING AGAIN.
DON'T ASK ANYTHING.
LET HIM KEEP IT FOR HIMSELF.
LET'S GO AND EAT.
EH?

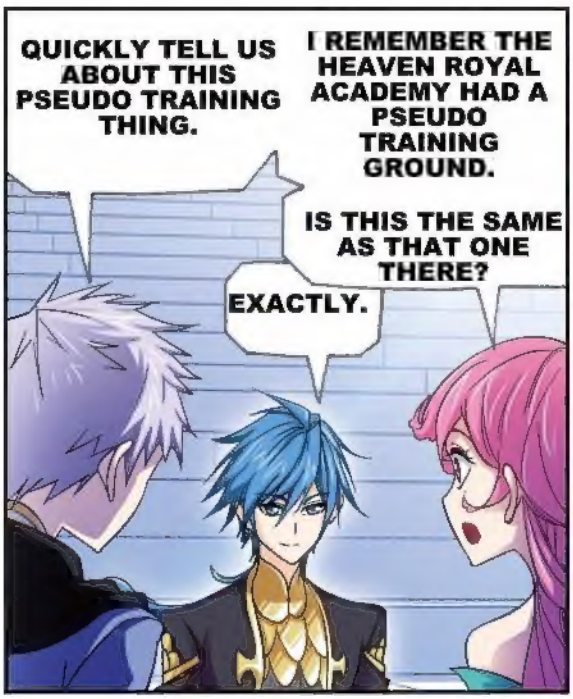
IT'S BECAUSE SENIOR OU YA COULDN'T BEAR TO LET US WASTE SUCH A GOOD PSEUDO TRAINING GROUND.
HUH?
PSEUDO TRAINING?


AS FAR AS I CAN SEE, IF WE CONTINUE OUR TRAINING HERE FOR A LONG PERIOD.....

IN TEN YEARS, BECOMING A TOP SOUL CONTRA IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE!


SIGH, I INTENDED TO SHARE MY DISCOVERY BUT SINCE YOU GUYS DON'T WANT TO KNOW...
FORGET IT.

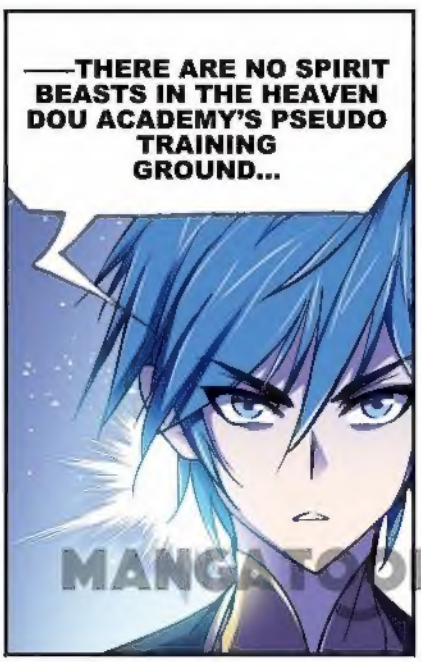
I WANNA KNOW, I WANNA
WHAT'S THIS TOP SOUL CONTRA THING?
BROTHER SAN WAS TALKING ABOUT PSEUDO TRAINING
HEY AREN'T YOU GUYS GOING TO EAT?


QUICKLY TELL US ABOUT THIS PSEUDO TRAINING THING.
I REMEMBER THE HEAVEN ROYAL ACADEMY HAD A PSEUDO TRAINING GROUND.
IS THIS THE SAME AS THAT ONE THERE?
EXACTLY.

IN THIS CONTINENT MOST OF THE MARTIAL SOUL HAVE THEIR OWN CORRESPECTIVE SPIRIT BEAST
AND AS FOR THE PSEUDO TRAINING, AS THE NAME SUGGESTS, IS TO PLACE THE MARTIAL SOUL THROUGH AN ENVIRONMENT THAT EMULATES THE NATURAL HABITAT OF THEIR CORRESPECTIVE SPIRIT BEAST,

AS ONE OF ITS FAVORITES THE EMPIRE PROVIDED THE HEAVEN DOU IMPERIAL ACADEMY WITH THE GREATEST PSEUDO TRAINING GROUND.
ITS GREAT FAME, ITS VAST AREA, AND ITS COMPLEX ENVIRONMENT ALL OF IT MADE IT A ONE-OF-A-KIND
IT'S A PITY THAT...

THERE'S ONE THING THAT THE EMPIRE WILL NEVER ABLE TO DO.


——THERE ARE NO SPIRIT BEASTS IN THE HEAVEN DOU ACADEMY'S PSEUDO TRAINING GROUND...

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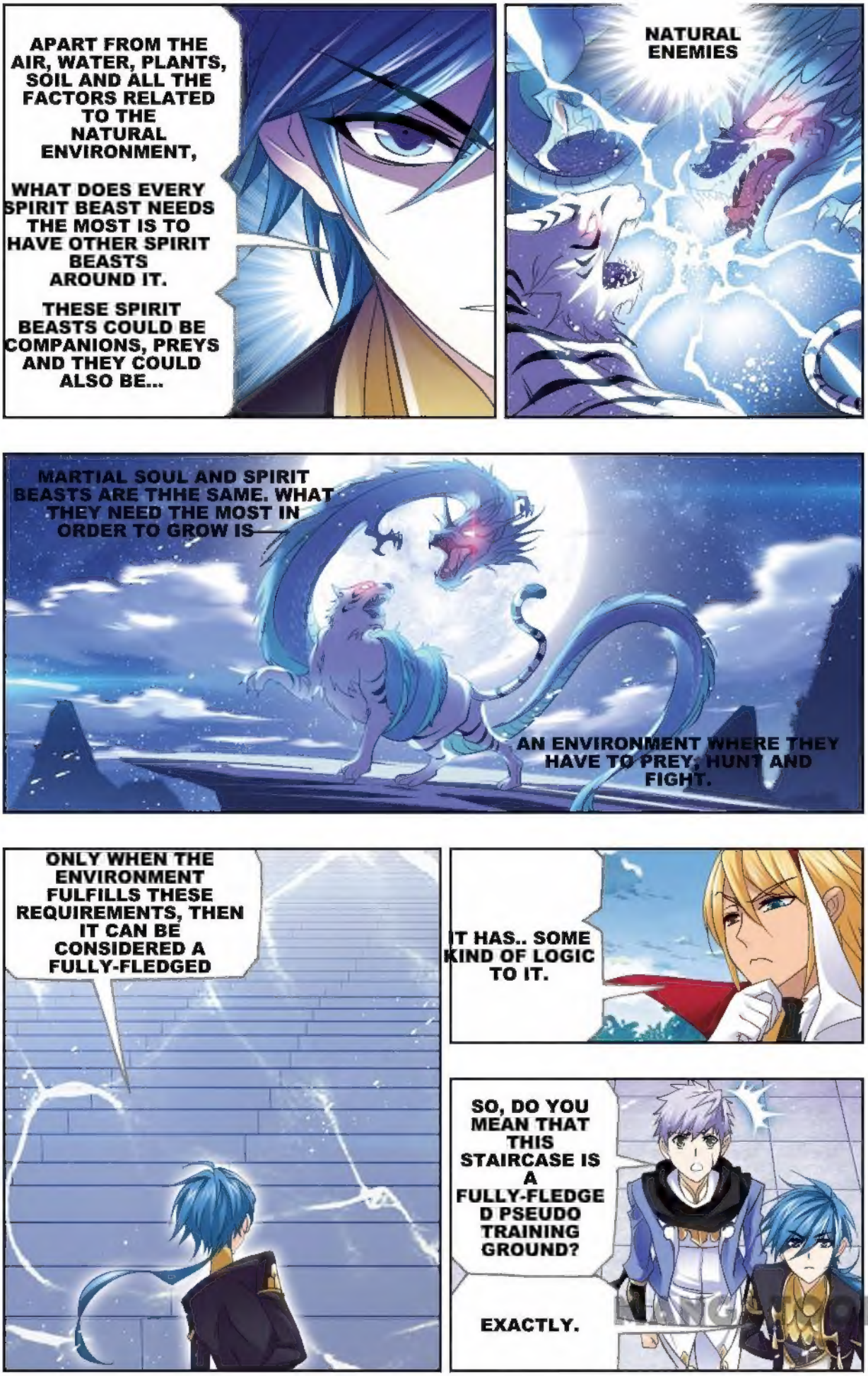
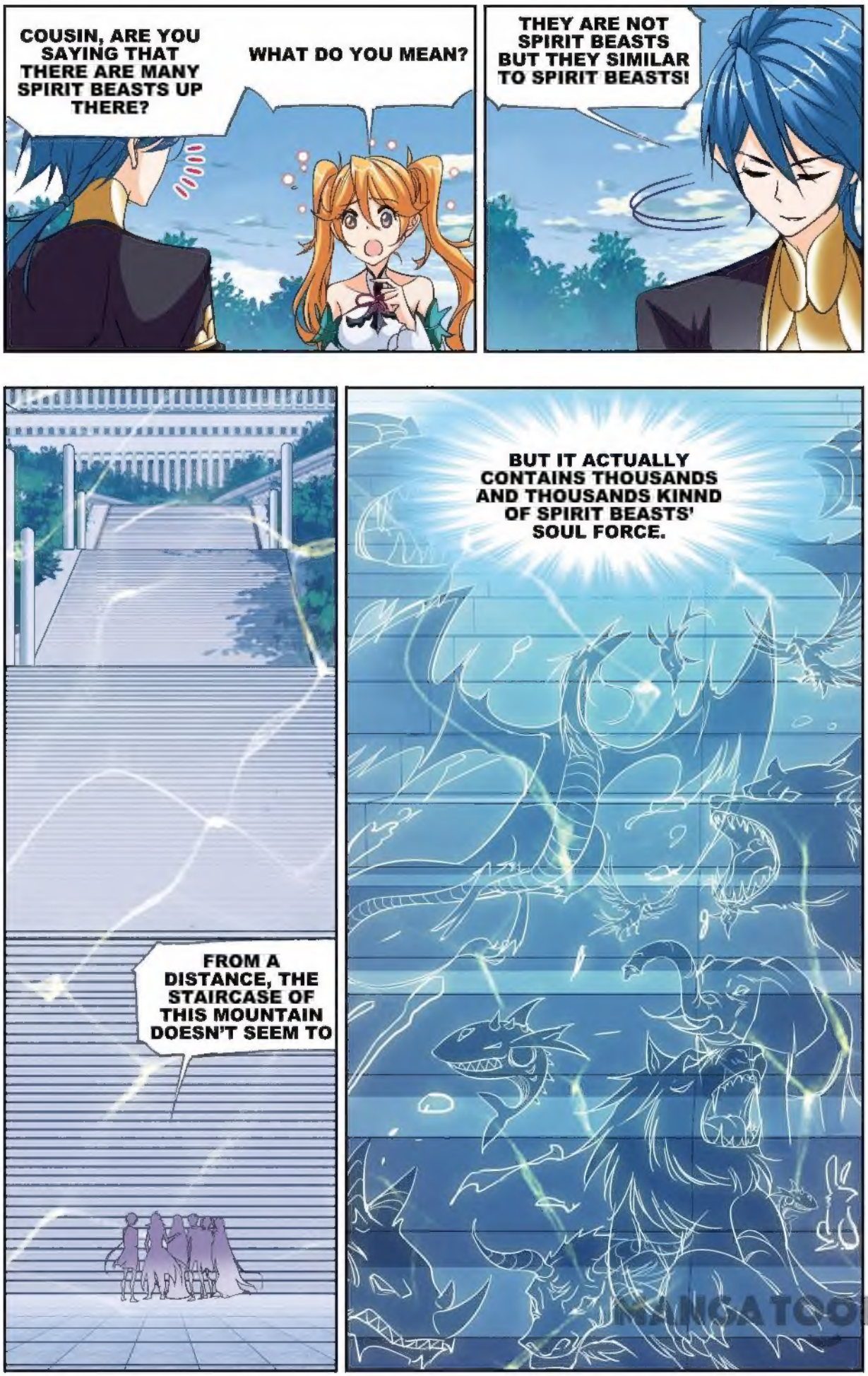

APART FROM THE AIR, WATER, PLANTS, SOIL AND ALL THE FACTORS RELATED TO THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT,
WHAT DOES EVERY SPIRIT BEAST NEEDS THE MOST IS TO HAVE OTHER SPIRIT BEASTS AROUND IT.
THESE SPIRIT BEASTS COULD BE COMPANIONS, PREYS AND THEY COULD ALSO BE...
NATURAL ENEMIES
MARTIAL SOUL AND SPIRIT BEASTS ARE THHE SAME. WHAT THEY NEED THE MOST IN ORDER TO GROW IS——
AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE THEY HAVE TO PREY, HUNT AND FIGHT.
ONLY WHEN THE ENVIRONMENT FULFILLS THESE REQUIREMENTS, THEN IT CAN BE CONSIDERED A FULLY-FLEDGED
IT HAS.. SOME KIND OF LOGIC TO IT.
SO, DO YOU MEAN THAT THIS STAIRCASE IS A FULLY-FLEDGED PSEUDO TRAINING GROUND?
EXACTLY.


COUSIN, ARE YOU SAYING THAT THERE ARE MANY SPIRIT BEASTS UP THERE?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
THEY ARE NOT SPIRIT BEASTS BUT THEY SIMILAR TO SPIRIT BEASTS!
FROM A DISTANCE, THE STAIRCASE OF THIS MOUNTAIN DOESN'T SEEM TO
BUT IT ACTUALLY CONTAINS THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS KINND OF SPIRIT BEASTS' SOUL FORCE.

WHAT THE HEAVEN EMPIRE DIDN'T MANAGE TO ACCOMPLISH IN SO MANY CENTURIES, EVEN AFTER DEPLOYING ALL OF ITS NATIONAL FORCES..

WAS ACTUALLY HERE AND SEVERAL TIMES BETTER!

SUCH AN EXCEPTIONAL PSEUDO TRAINING GROUND IS A PRICELESS TREASURE FOR A SPIRIT MASTER.

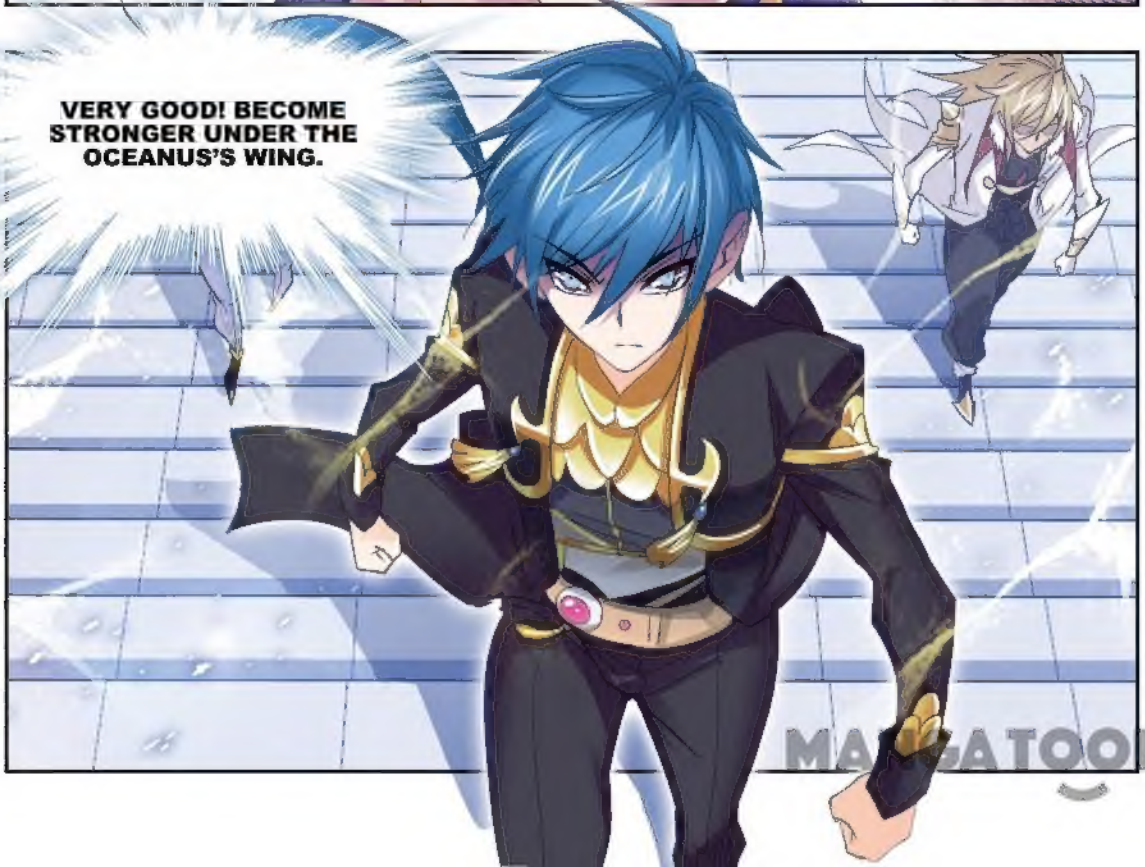
SO WE MUST EXPLOIT THIS ONE YEAR TO THE FULLEST AND REFINE OUR ABILITY AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE!

HMPHH, HERE WE GO AGAIN.

TANG XIAO SAN IS BECOMING BETTER AND

I THINK THAT THOSE PEOPLE NEED TO TAKE ANOTHER TUMBLE TO BE

HAHA, DID THEY FIND OUT THE MYSTERY OF THE OCEANUS'S LIGHT SO QUICKLY?


VERY GOOD! BECOME STRONGER UNDER THE OCEANUS'S WING.